

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 12

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claim 38 is pending. Claims 1-37 and 39-44 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Replacement Sheets submitted on 12 October 2005, Figure 12 was not properly labeled with a figure number. This is corrected in the attached replacement sheet, where Figure 12 is properly labeled as "Fig. 12."

Claims 34-44 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over US patent 6,716,496 in view of the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25. A Terminal Disclaimer, which references US patent 6,716,496 was submitted on 12 October 2005. Also, a terminal disclaimer fee of \$130 was paid at that time. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Terminal Disclaimer filed on 12 October 2005 was filed together with an amendment, and all of the documents filed that day, including the Terminal Disclaimer, had a typographical error in their serial numbers. The typographical error resulted in a misfiling and an unintentional abandonment. However, after a petition was filed to reverse the abandonment, the amendment of 12 October 2005 was entered. Therefore, the applicants request that the Terminal Disclaimer of 12 October 2005 be acknowledged.

Claims 35-37 and 44 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 35-37 and 44 have been canceled; therefore, this rejection will not be discussed. However, when incorporating the limitations of claim 37 into claim 38, the phrase "the back side" has been changed to "a back side" in response to the examiner's comments.

Claims 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25. Claims 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42 and 43 have been canceled and thus will not be discussed.

Claim 38 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25 in view of Nozaki '937. The rejection of claim 38 based on the admitted prior art and Nozaki '937 should be withdrawn for the reasons below.

Claim 38 has been written in independent form. That is, the limitations of claims 34 and 37 have been incorporated into claim 38. Although minor changes have been made in rewriting claim 38 in independent form to improve the form of the claim, no substantive changes have been made. Therefore, this amendment does not raise any new issues.

In the admitted prior art shown in Figs. 23-25, there is no curved reinforcing rib formed on the molded part of the opening trim. Nozaki '937 discloses a corner seal lip 61 formed in the cut (51, 52 or 53). The cut has a base-side of length L and an edge-side of length G. The edge-side length corresponds to the edge of the seal lip 4. The length G is less than the length L so that the corner seal lip is resistant to crimping (See column 1, line 56-68; column 2, line 44-51 of Nozaki '937). However, the Nozaki '937 reference does not disclose or suggest curved reinforcing ribs formed on the molded part of the opening trim for maintaining a curvature of the corner section and for preventing the corner section from recovering its original straightness. Therefore, even if Nozaki '937 and the admitted prior art shown in Figs. 23 to 25 were combined with each other, the terms of claim 38 are not satisfied, and the rejection of claim 38 should be withdrawn.

Claims 36 and 41 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25 in view of Gommier et al. Claims 36 and 41 have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection will not be discussed.

Claims 39, 40, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mesnel '957 in view of the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25. Claims 39, 40, 42, and 43 have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection will not be discussed.

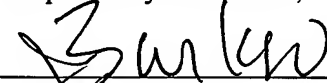
Claim 44 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mesnel '957 in view of the admitted prior art of Figs. 23-25 and further in view of Hazelton et al. (Re35,398). Claim 44 has been canceled. Therefore, this rejection will not be discussed.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested, since this amendment merely presents a dependent claim in independent form, provides a terminal disclaimer and corrects a drawing problem.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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